DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) On 2-4-1936.

(*c*) The question of constructing a bridge need be considered only when the roads on either side of the crossing are completed.

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Vaikom cum Kottayam*): May I know from the honourable member what stands in the way of the department for building the approach road as stated herein?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : I believe that a requisition for that approach road had not been received earlier. It has been received only recently and the matter is under enquiry.

Irrigation tanks and channels of the State.

263 ✻ **MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether Government have taken steps to improve the irrigation tanks and channels or canals of the State as an immediate factor relating to the Grow More Food Campaign, if not, why ; and

(*b*) whether Government have taken steps to improve the irrigation canals of Mavelikara and Kunnattur taluks in pursuance of the question asked in this Assembly, if not, why?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : May I know from the honourable member what steps have been taken by the Government with regard to (a) and (b)?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : I think one estimate has recently been sanctioned for about Rs. 6313 and the other estimates are under preparation.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : May I know from the honourable member whether any report has been called for from the irrigational officers with regard to those canals and dams in the Kunnathur and Mavelikara taluks?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : I mentioned about it first. One estimate has already been sanctioned and the others are under preparation.

Road from Big Bridge to Thamarakulam.

264 ✻ **MR. K. A. MAHOMED** (*Quilon cum Kottarakara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the improvements to the road from Big Bridge to Thamarakulam and protecting the canal banks have been completed;

(*b*) if not completed, the reasons for the same ; and

(*c*) when it can be expected to be finished ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : (*a*) No, only partly done.

(*b*) Due to the war situation.

(*c*) Within 2 or 3 years.

MR. K. A. MAHOMED : May I know the year in which the estimate for this work has been sanctioned?

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